MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): So, is there difference in qualification then ?

MR C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes.

Teaching of Arabic in the Vernacular School at South Vazhakulam.

4. ✻ MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of Muslim students in the Vernacular School at South Vazhakulam ;

(*b*) whether provision is made in the said school to teach Arabic ;

(*c*) whether they have received any representation for the appointment of an Arabic Munshi or Arabic Instructor in that school ; and

(*d*) the action taken by them in the matter ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) 121.

(*b*) Yes outside school hours.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The question of appointing a full-time Arabic Instructor for the school is receiving attention.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know whether any report has been received regarding the want of accommodation in the Primary School at South Vazhakulam ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : No.

Muslim Public Holidays.

5. ✻ MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Muslim Public Holidays such as Prophet's day, Ramzan, Bakrid, etc., are being strictly observed in all the schools and colleges (departmental and non-departmental) and public offices of the State ; and

(*b*) if not, why ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) & (*b*) The holidays are strictly observed by all departmental institutions and offices. Private institutions follow their own calendar of working days and holidays.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know the reason why the non-departmental schools are not observing the public holidays observed by the departmental schools ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is already there. Private institutions follow their own calendar of working days and holidays.

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MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): If a day is declared as a public holiday, is it not necessary that non-departmental institutions should also observe it as a holiday?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no provision in the Education Code to compel the managements of private institutions to give holidays on such days also.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know what is the meaning of the sentence.—

"The holidays are strictly observed by all departmental institutions and officers?"

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It means that those holidays must be observed as holidays by all institutions without any exception.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Am I to take it that there is no other special function to be performed on that day?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I don't think so.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the private institutions are allowed to have their own holidays?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Only three days are declared as public holidays for all institutions in the State. It is left to the managements of private institutions to have their own holidays excepting these three holidays which are obligatory.

Ministerial establishment of the Judicial Department.

6. * MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of posts in the ministerial establishment of the Judicial Department (permanent and temporary) carrying a pay of Rs. 40 and above; and

(*b*) the number of Muslims holding any such posts?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 129.

(*b*) Nil.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the reason for not appointing a single Muslim in the ministerial establishment of the Judicial Department?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot give reasons for what happened in the past. It is all past history, and Government have not enquired into the reason. Such omissions will not occur when the Public Service Commissioner begins recruitment.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Is it due to the want of qualified Muslim hands that they were not entertained?

PRESIDENT: There is no use of speaking about ancient history. In future what the Chief Secretary says is that you will have a bright chapter.

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